

Mike Pool **California State Director**

Biographical Sketch



Prior to his new appointment as the California State Director, Mike served as BLM Colorado's Associate State Director for 3 years. Having a BLM career spanning more than 25 years, he has previously served as Special Assistant to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Lands and Mineral Management; as District Manager in Farmington, New Mexico; as a Regulations and Policy Analyst at Headquarters; and in various resource positions in New Mexico, Alaska and Nevada.

Mike's experience in BLM programs cover a wide range of activities including personnel management, regulation and policy development, resource management planning, environmental compliance, law enforcement, public involvement, mine reclamation, conservation area management (including wilderness and National Conservation areas), oil and gas administration, coal development, lands and realty, range management, and fire suppression. He has specialized experience in administering Indian trust responsibilities in affiliation with BLM programs.

A 47-year-old Arizona native who was raised in New Mexico, Mike holds a B.S. degree in Biology (major Wildlife Science) from New Mexico State University. His hobbies include fishing, hiking, swimming, international travel, reading and music. He and his wife Nancy have been married for 27 years and have two children. Their daughter Jessica is majoring in political science and foreign languages at the University of New Mexico and their son Justin is a pre-dentistry student at the University of Utah. Nancy is a Nurse Administrator in healthcare.

Quote: "BLM California has a rich tradition in public land management. Because of the varied landscapes and wide range of public interests, the multiple resource mission is one of the most challenging and complex in the Bureau. I look forward to working with BLM employees and the public to ensure effective administration of those public lands."